

Committee to assess benefits of reservations

3008. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to appoint a Committee to assess the progress made, benefits and social commitments accrued to the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country due to reservation so far; and
- (b) what other steps Government propose to take to ensure their welfare and fair share in the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) No. Sir.

(b) For the socio, economic and educational development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, various schemes/programmes are being implemented under the strategies of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan. In addition, there is reservation @ 15% for Scheduled Castes and 7.5% for Scheduled Tribes in Government jobs and educational institutions.

Dropping of caste from profile of officers

3009. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has asked the Department of Personnel and Training to remove the rule which mandates to mention caste in the profile of SC/ST officers whose names are circulated for appointment in Central Ministries and departments;
- (b) whether identification of caste against names of SC/ST officers prove to be disadvantageous for them; and
- (c) if so, what is the response of the Department of Personnel and Training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):